

St. Herbert School Advisory Council Meeting Agenda

April 6, 2022 - 7:00 pm

Chairperson: Desiree Ali

Co-Chair: Christina Moss

Treasurer: Frady Yacoub

Secretary: Sandra Silva

Parish Rep: Melissa Scaffidi

OAPCE Rep: Liesl Florentino-De Angelis

Teacher Reps: Joanne Percuklijevic

Parent Reps: Andrea Torchia, Donna Bozzo, Rachele Rodas, Shauna Archibald, Michael Russo

Non-Teacher Rep: Helen Cascioli

Principal: Walter Matos

1) Opening Prayer

2) Approval of February 2, 2022 SAC meeting minutes:

- Christina Moss and Donna Bozzo

3) Principal's Update:

Covid 19 News

- We have been managing relatively well despite the COVID variant still hanging around in our daily lives. Our absence rate is regularly around 10%... 9% today. Thank you to all who continue to do to follow protocols, every little thing we do properly helps to keep our families healthy and our classrooms open
- The Ministry will consider closing schools if the staff/student absent rate exceeds 30%
- We have been given the green light to open our schools and to drop the mask mandate, but it is still an option to wear a face/mouth mask depending on staff/student comfort levels. A very high percentage of students and staff still do but it is up to the individual
- We are now required to inform you if there is a positive case in our school when we are made aware that someone has tested positive, however, classrooms are no longer having to close for the isolation period which is good news

COVID Protocol Reminder

- Daily parental screening at home before leaving for school is extremely important, however the signing off on the daily verification sheet for each of your children every morning before they come to school is no longer necessary, but pre-screening at home is still a very important step that must be followed daily

Lunch Expectations

- Students are still allowed to sign out and go home for lunch and lunches can be dropped off now
- We would like to bring back the Lunch Lady program and Pizza Wednesday, but we need volunteers to make this work, especially on Pizza Wednesday

Volunteers

- We are need of volunteers for:
 - To help with the relaunch our Pizza Wednesdays
 - To help supervise school trips
 - To provide remedial support for our All Star Reading Program
- Volunteers must complete a Criminal Reference Check with Peel Police before beginning, however this process no longer requires a fee, but it does require a referral letter from the school

- Police record checks can be done in person at the Square One division or on-line at <https://rec-check.peelpolice.ca>

All Star Reading Program

- We are in need of volunteers to help our struggling young students improve their reading fluency and comprehension
- No experience is necessary as you will be trained
- Please let us know if you can come into the school 1-3 hours either in the a.m. or p.m.

EcoSchools and Certification

- It is an expectation that all schools in Ontario be eco-certified on an annual basis
- The rationale for this is the hope that students will develop their environmental knowledge and awareness, so they grow to become responsible citizens of our planet for years to come
- All schools must achieve a certain number of points to become eco-certified
- Events like our Winter Walk to School Day in February and our upcoming GOOS (Good On One Side) Paper Day award us points for engaging students and staff in eco-friendly activities

April 8 Deadline to Request Online Instruction for September 2022

- Parents have the ability to decide to have their child(ren) receive online instruction next year, deadline for this decision is Friday April 8th

4) Treasurer's Report:

Closing Balance

- Closing balance as of March 31st is \$8127.55 up from \$6871.32

Proposed allocations

1. \$2400 for classroom enhancement: \$150 per classroom teacher and \$75 per non-classroom teacher. This will total (13x150 + 6x75)
 - We know we haven't had the traditional fundraising opportunities due to the pandemic, but staff has been trying to do the best they can, we usually ask for \$300
 - Money would be used for crafts and other items to supplement the curriculums that are not available from supply chain management... i.e.) arts and craft items from Dollarama with Mother's Day and Father's Day coming up and bottom line I think this would be a nice gesture for our teachers
2. \$1000 for sacramental gifts and luncheons
3. \$3000 for Grad – 34 students to cover hall rental, luncheon, awards, DJ, decorations
4. \$100 for FDK year-end celebration

Remaining balance

- Will be \$1727.55, if the four above proposals are approved
- 6 out of 9 voting members were present: Frady Yacoub, Melissa Scaffidi, Desiree Ali, Christina Moss, Rachelle Rodas, and Donna Bozzo
- All 6 members voted unanimously in favour of the above proposals.

5) Any other business:

Fundraising

- Big Box of Cards sales will run until April 11th, over 70 boxes have been pre-ordered thus far
- Flip Give continues
- Pizza Wednesdays is a great fundraising opportunity, but it requires parent/community volunteers

Final Council Meeting

- June 1, 2022 @ 7pm

6) Closing prayer